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Arizona Acreage Survey Results

Arizona's Durum wheat planted area is estimated at 80,000 acres, down 20 percent from 2004. Growers are expected to harvest 79,000 acres for grain. Winter wheat area is estimated at 5,000 acres, the same as a year ago. Growers intend to harvest 4,000 acres for grain. The 30,000 acres planted to barley is down 10,000 acres from last year's crop. Barley area harvested for grain is estimated at 28,000 acres.

Corn planted for all purposes is estimated at 50,000 acres, down 6 percent from a year ago. Area intended for grain is set at 22,000 acres, 5,000 acres less than last season. Sorghum planted for all purposes is estimated at 15,000 acres, down 5,000 acres from 2004. Area intended for grain is set at 5,000 acres, a thousand acres less than the previous year.

Arizona alfalfa hay harvested area is estimated at a record high 260,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2004. All other hay area to be harvested is estimated at 40,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from last year. The All Hay harvested area, at 300,000 acres is the highest since 1946.

Acreage planted to upland cotton is estimated at 240,000, the same as last year, but 10,000 acres higher than the March intentions.

American-Pima planted area, at 4,000 acres, is 1,000 acres higher than last year.